

LEGATIONS RELIEVED.

Allied Forces Believed to Be in Peking—No Official News.

MORE FIGHTING REPORTED.

Revolt Spreads to Southern China Where French Are Attacked.

Boxers Reported at Tien-Tsin Which They Assailed After the Capture of the Taku Forts—Admiral Kempf Reports the Landing of 300 of Our Marines at Taku—Comment in Washington on His Failure to Take Part in the Engagement—Powers Rushing More Ships and Men to China—Shanghai Despatches Say Admiral Seymour's Column Fought the Boxers All the Way to Peking, Killing 500 of Them—Anxiety About the Safety of the Foreigners in Peking Not Yet Relieved.

THE NINTH GATHERING AT MANILA.

Regiment's Start for China Likely to Be Delayed—More Marines to Go. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. MANILA, June 20.—Five companies of the Ninth Regular Infantry, under orders to proceed to China, arrived here to-night. The other companies, which were doing garrison duty at towns beyond the place where the war was carried on, are expected to arrive here tomorrow. Their delay is caused by the bad condition of the country because of the rains.

OUR INTERESTS AND EUROPE.

Paris, June 20.—The figure protests against the statements attributed to American officials to the effect that the United States Government is not at war with China. The paper says: "It is impossible for the United States to refuse to join the European nations. Her interests render it imperative for her to do so."

JAPAN SENDS TROOPS TO TAKU.

Two Transports, With 1,500 Men and 300 Horses, Sailed Yesterday. WASHINGTON, June 20.—The American Minister at Tokyo telegraphs to the State Department that two transports, with 1,500 men and 300 horses, sailed to-day from Japan for Taku, that 50 Japanese troops have already landed, that five Japanese war vessels are now at Taku and that the Japanese Government is prepared to send additional forces should necessity arise.

RUSSIANS LED IN TAKU FIGHT.

Two Gunboats Damaged and a Number of Men Killed and Wounded. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, June 20.—A despatch has been received from Vice-Admiral Alexeeff, the Russian commander at Port Arthur, which reads as follows: "On June 17 the Taku forts were captured by landing parties after a night engagement, which was begun by the Chinese and which lasted seven hours. There participated in the engagement the Russian gunboats Korolev, Gilyak and Bobr, the French gunboat Lion, the British ship Algerine and the German gunboat Triton, under the command of the Russian Capt. Dobrowolski, who is the senior of the commanding officers. The Gilyak was seriously damaged and was to be docked and repaired. She was struck below the water line and rendered leaky. The Korolev is leaking in six places and one of her cabins was destroyed. The Bobr was not injured."

GERMANY SENDING SHIPS AND MEN.

Emperor Himself Superintends the Mobilization of the First Battalion to Go to China. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, June 20.—The Emperor and Prince Henry went to Kiel to-day to superintend the mobilization of the first marine battalion which will start for China on Sunday under command of Major Madal. The armor-clad cruiser Bismarck will leave Kiel before the end of the month and the other warships, including the Preysa and Victoria Luise, will follow later on.

CHINA CABLE LINES CROWDED.

Great Delay on Northern Route and Messages Are Taken at Senders' Risk. The Central Cable office issues the following notice: "The Great Northern Telegraph Company (the Siberian route to China and Japan) advises us that its wires are so crowded with traffic that great delay exists and that no further business can be taken except at senders' risk."

Yale-Harvard Boat Race, New London, June 26.

Excursion tickets, including Parlor car seat, 4.00. A. M. train from Grand Central Station, 8.00. Excursion tickets, good only in coaches, 2.75. Tickets for observation train, to be run on East bank of the river, from New London to the bridge, 25.00, all day, to be run on the bridge, 25.00, all day. N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. R.

FRENCH ATTACKED AT YUNNAN-FU.

Central Reports a Successful Defense in His Residence Until Mandarins Arrive. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PARIS, June 20.—The Foreign Office has received the following despatch from M. Francois, the French Consul at Yunnan-Fu, which was sent from that city on Friday last and transmitted through the Vice-Consul at Mongtse: "We were attacked on June 10 after leaving Yunnan-Fu and were obliged to return. All our baggage was rifled. The missions and railway premises were set on fire. We defended ourselves with rifles in my residence. After forty-eight hours mandarin arrived. I insisted that they take us to the frontier, safeguard us en route and urge the Government to demand our release as we were practically prisoners, but that they should not allow troops to cross the Indo-China frontier. The French are as yet safe."

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Admiral Kempf Reports—His Failure to Take Part in the Bombardment Discussed. WASHINGTON, June 20.—Two despatches came to the Government to-day from China, one sent by John Fowler, the United States Consul at Chefoo, and the other by Rear Admiral Kempf, commanding the American squadron at Taku, but in neither was there any information about the situation at Peking. Consul Fowler's despatch, which was received by the international relief column for six days, Admiral Kempf reported that firing had been heard at Tien-Tsin on the evening of June 17, a bit of information that is taken here as a confirmation of the reports that Chinese batteries shelled the foreign quarters of that populous city. It was on the morning of the 17th that the Chinese forts at Taku had an engagement with the allied fleet, and it is reasonable to believe that when the Chinese troops at Tien-Tsin heard this news they began hostilities against the foreign quarter of the city, where sailors and marines from the international naval force, including fifty Americans, are supposed to be stationed as guard to the Consulates.

NO TROOPS DIVERTED TO CHINA.

The Report That the Transport Thomas Carried 1,200 Soldiers Is Untrue. WASHINGTON, June 20.—The report from Shanghai that the transport Thomas, carrying 1,200 troops, had been diverted from its route to Taku is untrue. The Thomas left San Francisco for Manila on June 14, only four days ago. She had on board 30 recruits, 6 officers, 2 surgeons and 28 Hospital Corpsmen. The only other army transport now on the way to Manila is the Sherman, which left San Francisco June 15. The voyage from San Francisco to Manila is somewhere between Honolulu and Manila. That the Sherman did not stop at Nagasaki on the voyage, but did stop on the return trip. The Sherman did not have any large supply of troops. Her passengers consisted of 30 recruits of the Sixth Artillery and 12 Hospital Corps members.

MORE THAN A MILLION FOR BROWN.

John D. Rockefeller to Give \$250,000 of It—Other Contributors. PROVIDENCE, June 20.—Brown University is richer to-night by \$1,008,100 than she was yesterday. So liberally did the alumni respond to the last call to subscribe the \$750,000 necessary to secure John D. Rockefeller's gift of a quarter of a million that the fund went \$1,000,000 beyond the mark. A. Sayles, '90, of Pawtucket, gave \$50,000 as a memorial to his mother and sister, and Robert I. Gammell, '92, of Williamstown, '92, of Providence, gave \$10,000 each, and so made up the \$700,000 which President Faunce had almost despairingly secured. Both Robert and William Gammell had already contributed \$10,000 each. Marsden J. Perry of Providence this morning donated \$25,000, Mrs. Francis W. Goddard of Providence \$10,000, and the Women's College, the recent gifts for which already amounted to \$30,000, came in for a \$10,000 donation from a friend of the college, which is not made public.

WEDDED TO THE COACHMAN.

When Mrs. Mulligan's Adopted Daughter Contracted for Her Marriage to a Coachman. KRAMAN, May 9. Ella Kraman, 18 years old, to William Lahey, 25 years old, by the Rev. George Nixon, pastor of the Tremont Presbyterian Church, 174th st. and Washington av.

BLACK RING AROUND THE SUN.

Seen for Fifteen Darkened Minutes by Many Persons in South Carolina. COLUMBIA, S. C., July 20.—There was much wondering here to-day over the appearance of a black ring around the sun. It was noticed from 12 to 12:15 o'clock by many persons. The strength of the sunlight was perceptibly diminished, but the sky was perfectly clear. The condition was such that the sun could be looked at with the naked eye. Negroes were much alarmed.

Lost His Breathing Tube and Died.

STAMFORD, Conn., June 20.—A. C. Allen of Saugatuck came to town to-night to visit his son, Frank Allen. Mr. Allen had long trouble and had to breathe through a nickel tube. While he was on Atlantic street the tube slipped from his windpipe, respiration ceased and he died.

Baroness Forming a Voting Machine Trust.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 20.—James S. Barons of Terre Haute, whose connection with the publication of the "Messages of the Presidents" was recently made the subject of an investigation by the United States Senate, is promoting a trust which is expected to include all voting machine manufacturers and patentees.

IT'S TO BE ROOSEVELT.

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